

Delimitation of Constituencies

1233. SHRI AMAR SINGH: .

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delimitation Commission has recommended reconfiguration of a large number of Lok Sabha and Assembly Constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the next general election of Lok Sabha would be conducted on the basis of the recent recommendation of the Delimitation Commission?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) While doing the delimitation exercise, the Delimitation Commission is required to keep in view the following provisions of the Delimitation Act, 2002, namely:—

- (i) all constituencies shall, as far as practicable, be geographically compact areas and in delimiting them regard shall be had to physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience;
- (ii) every assembly constituency shall be so delimited as to fall wholly within one Parliamentary Constituency;
- (iii) constituencies in which seats are reserved for the Scheduled Castes shall be distributed in different parts of the State and located, as far as practicable in those areas where the proportion of their population to the total is comparatively large.
- (iv) constituencies in which seats are reserved for the Scheduled tribes, as far as practicable, be located in areas where the proportion of their population to the total is the largest.

As a consequence, in the process of delimiting the Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies, there might have been some Lok Sabha and Assembly seats in respect of which reconfiguration has taken place. The exact reconfigurations can be perused in the Government of India Gazette of the date of notification as shown in the Statement. (See below)

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(c) The Government's view is to give effect to the delimitation orders issued by the Delimitation commission after the delimitation exercise in respect of all the States/Union territories has been completed and until such time the new delimitation takes effect, any election of Lok Sabha will be held on the basis of the territorial constituencies existing before the new delimitation takes effect.

Statement

States where Final Delimitation Orders have boted

SI. No,	State	Date of notification
1.	Goa	31-03-05
2.	Pondicherry	31-03-05
3.	Tripura	12-05-05
4.	Mizoram	27-05-05
5.	Kerala	31-05-05
6.	Rajasthan	25-01-06
7.	West Bengal	15-02-08
8.	Punjab	19-06-06
9.	Chhattisgarh	02-06-06
10.	Maharashtra	31-07-06
11.	Sikkim	04-09-06
12.	Delhi	20-09-06

Increase in posts of judges

†1234. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will increase the number of judges in view of the large number of cases pending in different courts in the country;

(b) whether the modernization and computerisation of courts is likely to help in providing Information about pending cases and their disposal;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.